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### AB 3632 Mental Health Services for Special Education Students

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**Governor**—Proposed a new \$138 million categorical program in lieu of the existing mandate.

**Assembly**—Budgeted \$187 million in funds for mental health services to send to conference.

**Senate**—Maintained existing mandate and funded at \$189.5 million.



**LAO Recommendation:** Create a new categorical program that would be jointly administered by education and mental health agencies.

#### ■ Fiscal Provisions

- Repeal mandate as of January 1, 2007.
- Provide \$172 million for 2006-07—\$103 million General Fund in the Department of Mental Health (DMH) and \$69 million federal funds in the California Department of Education (CDE).
- Base distribution of funds on 2004-05 claims.
- Allow counties to establish 10 percent reserves from program savings; additional savings may be used for other school mental health programs.
- Augment the special education budget to support any “excess” costs.

#### ■ Local Administrative Provisions

- New program would be jointly administered by SELPAs and county mental health (CMH) agencies.
- Require CMHs to forward all funds to SELPAs if unwilling to administer local program.
- Ensure quarterly reports from CMHs to SELPAs on services provided and student progress.

#### ■ State Administrative Provisions

- Require CDE and DMH to create a memorandum of understanding outlining joint administrative responsibilities.
- Data would be collected on service levels, costs, and effectiveness.
- Evaluate the new program with a report to the Legislature by March 2009.

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*(In Millions)*

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158	2004-05 unfunded mandate claims	\$33.0	—	S—Under Proposition 1A, these claims must be paid if the mandate is continued in the budget year.
158	2005-06 unfunded mandate claims	33.0	—	S—Claims must be paid if the mandate is continued.
152	Department of Mental Health support staff	0.3	—	S—Increased oversight needed regardless of policy decision made on mandate program.